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Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Club Meeting

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Speakers

August 31, 2023

US Congressman Chuck Edwards
118th Congress

September 07, 2023
Pat Snyder, Tim Owings,
Andrew Mecurio
Rotary Giving

September 14, 2023
Celeste Collins
DEI Committee
Presentation

September 21, 2023
DG Sean Gibson
District Governor Updates

September 21, 2023
Sean Gibson
DG Official Visit

September 28, 2023
Patricia Waters
New Member Talks

Coming Events

September 3rd
Join us for a Tourists
Game!

September 5th
Board Meeting
September 14th
Discover Rotary
Speaker: Celeste Collins
Subject: DEI Committee
Presentation

September 20th
Third Wednesday at
the Watering HOle

Club Leaders



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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Christena Southwick on Sunday, August 27, 2023

US REPRESENTATIVE CHUCK EDWARDS ADDRESSES ROTARY THIS WEEK



Chuck Edwards has served as the U.S. House of Representative for North Carolina's 11th District, which covers 15 counties in the state's western mountains, since his election to Congress in November, 2022.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Chuck's work ethic was recognized, and he has the rare honor as a freshman of being selected to sit on three committees: the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Accountability.

However, as important as that legislative work is, Chuck's main focus continues to be serving his constituents, helping them interface with federal agencies, assisting residents with problems and trying to make life better for Western North Carolinians.

Please join us for this important meeting.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Celeste B. Collins on Friday, August 25, 2023

BRIAN TURNER'S ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE



Mr. Turner is a returning speaker, having presented programs in the past during his four terms in NC House of Representatives District #116 in Buncombe County. Mr. Turner is currently the Policy Director Audubon of NC. In this role he works across the state and with numerous federal agencies to advocate for policies that are good for birds and ensure that laws are properly enforced.

Why do birds matter? Mr. Turner reminds us that in the early 1990s and even in the 1980s, canaries were used to detect problem gases in the mines. And today, animals and plants still serve as signals of problems in the environment.

He reported that research by Cornell University showed that in the past 50 years 30% of North America's bird population has died. The Audubon Society is dedicated to taking steps to reverse this trend and "bend the bird curve" to get the bird population back up.

Native plants and wetlands are a major focus area. Mr. Turner shared facts about the positive impact of native plants. Native plants = native bugs = food for birds.

Wetlands: Mr. Turner explained wetlands' importance in trapping pollution/sediment and preventing flooding.

What can Rotary do to help? Educate yourself and others by using apps like SEEK to identify native plants in an area. Use NC Native Plant society website to select plants that are appropriate. Visit [National Audubon Society](https://www.audubon.org/) website to learn more about the issues. Visit and enjoy the Native Plants walk at Beaver Lake.

Thank you, Mr. Turner, for sharing your time and valuable information with our club.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

By Christena Southwick on Friday, August 25, 2023

SKYLER DUNCAN, CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT CHAIR

Skyler Duncan was born and raised in the woods of southern Vermont. His grandfather gave the wooded land to Skyler's father and mother as a wedding gift. Skyler's father bought up more land around him to make sure that development didn't get in the way of his peaceful world. The closest town nearby had 1500 people.

When he was in school, which he says "came easy," Skyler played basketball, baseball and soccer. He chose a small liberal arts school to further his education, Elmire College in Elmire, NY. He majored in Business Administration with a strong emphasis in economics. He almost had a double major in Psychology. He graduated in 2014.

Skyler met his future wife, Taylor, at Elmire, who had also enjoyed the same rural background in New York state as Skyler had experienced in Vermont. After graduation, they would continue her education. By 2018, she had graduated with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Western Carolina



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University.

After graduation, they chose to stay here because they fell in love with Asheville. "We loved the character of the mountains, the warmth of the people in the area. It felt like home."

In the meantime, those who are lucky enough to know Skyler, know that he is smart, friendly and can get the job done. He is a definite people person. Not hard to imagine him in sales jobs that had to do with fitness.

Skyler first worked for Gold's Gym. Going up through the ranks and earning the title of manager there, he later found himself on the doorstep of Merrill- Lynch. That was four years ago, and he hasn't looked back.

"I love the relationships that I cultivate in sales. That's what makes it all worthwhile." He has been at Merrill-Lynch since 2019 working in the area of wealth management, financial planning and investment services.

He and Taylor bought a home in West Asheville in 2019, where Dave Mans is one of his neighbors. In 2021, their daughter, Lainey, was born and they are expecting a second daughter in January, 2024. "There's never a dull moment!"

Skyler joined Rotary after several invites from Dave Mans, a president-designee of our club. "I had to work at home for 18 months, and it was really sobering what I saw going on. I became invested in supporting our community and giving back. When I walked in the doors at my first Rotary lunch, I knew I wanted to be a member. The welcoming feel, energy and caliber of people that I was having lunch with convinced me."

Skyler smiled, "I didn't need to be sold. I said, 'Where's the application? I want to join!'"

Skyler was inducted as a member of our club in 2022. He loves the concepts of service above self and making a powerful impact in the lives of other people. And, he is a man of action; he doesn't mind getting his hands dirty. A true Rotarian.

Currently, he is chair of the Climate and Environment committee, having worked hard with its members to make the Carrier Park Bee Pollinator Garden come true, as well as serving on the membership and international committees.

Skyler, we're happy to have your warmth and friendliness in our club. It's a joy to see you at the meetings each week.
[Read More](#)



NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS

By Christena Southwick on Saturday, August 26, 2023

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

Rick Devereaux took to the stage to welcome our newest members, Dwayne Richardson, Todd Gragg and Brandon Quinn. J. Hackett is the sponsor of all three new members.

Past president Rick Devereaux pointed out that Dwayne is becoming a full member of the club. Todd Gragg and Brandon Quinn are now corporate delegate members for QB1, a 501(c)(3) that works to provide affordable housing to veterans.

Dwayne Richardson has worn lots of hats: baseball player at Wake Forest, fight attendant for Piedmont, political speechwriter and campaign manager, and now focuses his energies on delivering affordable housing to regional veterans. Dwayne works to help veterans in honor of his father and grandfather.

Todd Gragg is a native of Asheville who grew up in Shiloh playing basketball—looking out for neighbors and the elderly, mowing lawns and enough to eat, instilling in him a permanent care for his community. He graduated from Asheville High and UNCA. Professionally, he has always been in sales. More recently, he started a company dedicated to filmmaking for personal brand development. He is the filmmaker of the "Black in Asheville" documentary.

Brandon Quinn was a University of Washington football quarterback. He was an honorably discharged veteran who worked with special forces unit and was a paratrooper. For the past 25 years, he has been president and CEO of Eden Rock Enterprises in the home construction field. He became passionate about providing affordable housing to the citizens of WNC. In 2022, he decided to create QB1 Enterprises with his son, Brandon, Jr. who was a quarterback himself. Together they are working to provide affordable housing for veterans. This year, QB1 will be gifting a brand new home to a deserving veteran or the widow of a veteran on Veterans Day on November 11.



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

By Christena Southwick on Friday, August 25, 2023

BEE POLLINATOR GARDEN FENCED

This last Tuesday, August 22, Brad Rouse, Skyler Duncan, Sharon LeDuc, Ken Nelson and Paul Hatfield once again gathered at the newly created (July 29) Pollinator Garden to put in the fence. Everyone pitched



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Birthdays

Edward M Kolesar
August 29th
Barbara J. Bowers
August 29th
Sandra K Smith
September 1st
Deborah H. Francis
September 2nd
Margaret Gormley-
Chapman
September 8th
George G. Lycan
September 12th
Keith Whitman Bell
September 13th
Lawrence Janow
September 13th
Donna Rogers Ensley
September 15th
Evan Justin Rosenberg
September 19th
Eric C. Bryant
September 20th
Rachel Rion Moran
September 20th
Joseph T. Hackett
September 24th



in materials, and the job was done quite efficiently and quickly.

Sharon Le Duc said, "The fence is strong and beautiful. We have about 50 hours of Rotarian labor at the site so far. Planting will be this fall, and the Rotary sign will be installed at the dedication in the spring of 2024."

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Christena Southwick on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MEETING ON AUGUST 24, 2023

Please be reminded that the Rotary Foundation Dinner will be October 7 at Morganton Community House. The cost is \$45 per person. Register on the District Page in dacdb.

Tickets to the September 3rd Tourist game for our club are no longer available.

Lacy Hagan said to contact her if you were interested in helping at the annual Storytelling Festival in Jonesburg, TN.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST:
August 31 US Representative Chuck Edwards

ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS:
September 5th at Asheville Chamber of Commerce, Room 315
President Pat announced that the Board minutes are available on DACdb.com for members to see.

August is Membership & New Club Development Month

By Julie P. West on Tuesday, August 1, 2023



August is **Rotary Membership and New Club Development Month** so let's celebrate!!

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary, the definition of membership is the people who belong to a group or organization. Rotary is the best place to be a part, or belong, in order to do good in the world and serve our communities near and far. In other words, you are a part of a community, a team, a partnership, a collective, a family and many other synonyms for membership. You are the membership and this month we celebrate you!!

During this month of Rotary Membership & New Club Development, celebrate the clubs, the members and the good that is done in the community. Individuals join Rotary for many different reasons, and while the reasons may be to get to know others or network, it is the Service Above Self that takes hold and invigorates Rotarians. Make the most of the club membership by having fun activities and programs, collaborate with other clubs, and learn more about the surrounding communities. Also, don't forget to share your celebrations, events, and fun activities with the District 7670 on social media by **tagging the District at Rotary District 7670** or **#Rotary7670**!

There are many ways Rotary helps Rotarians celebrate by access to many resources on Rotary.org and if you haven't had a chance, read the Rotary magazine this month to find data that will show what matters most to Rotarians and tips to invigorate your club.

Happy Rotary Membership & New Club Development Month!!

Rotary District 7670 celebrates you!!



Plastic free effort hits the news

By Connie M. Molland on Sunday, July 30, 2023

Robert Steve Frellick
September 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin R. Montgomery
September 1st

David R. McCartney
September 1st

Steven M. Higley
September 2nd

Thomas A Winsch
September 3rd

Danielle M Kwasnik
September 4th

Jacqueline Boone
September 4th

Thomas G. Leavesley
September 7th

Donna Rogers Ensley
September 10th

Susan F. Harper
September 11th

Herman S. Turk
September 12th

Eva-Michelle G. Spicer
September 14th

Janey Cope
September 15th

Rae Geoffrey
September 20th

Evan Justin Rosenberg
September 21st

Ken Nelson
September 23rd

Jessica Z Hendrix
September 24th

Sarah A Cockman
September 24th

Margot Baron
September 25th



While it took several years to accomplish, the Hot Doggett 100 - the largest fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Madison County - reduced its annual use of single-use plastic water bottles from 800-900 each year down to zero for the July 8th, 2023 event. The effort to reduce environmental waste was recognized with front page, top of the fold coverage by both the News-Record & Sentinel and the Asheville Citizen Times. [Read More](#)

DG Sean's Stuff

By Sean Gibson on Tuesday, August 1, 2023



Sean's Stuff

Monthly Message from our DG

Hard to believe folks we are a month into the new Rotary Year! First of all, I want to say a BIG, BIG salute to District 7670. Since July 1st we have brought in 29 new members!! That's more than half of those brought in by Zone 33 as a whole!! Keep up the amazing work...petal the metal!



Just a reminder of governor visits that start Wednesday, August 2nd with Hickory! Please check the calendar on Dacdb for visit dates. Assistant Governors will continue to deliver my message over the next several weeks.

Please sign up for our Membership/Public Image/DEI summit August 12th. It's free of charge and its in Hudson NC. DMC Patrick Longano has a fun Saturday planned!

Speaking of members and as you work to bring in new members into our wonderful organization please continue to make existing members feel welcome and engaged. Ask them "What can we do for you?", What would you like to do...and reach out and check on those that haven't attended in a while. Are they ok? Maybe host a fellowship event for all members. I love Murphy President Cecilia's membership buddy program. Assign someone to check on that other person.

Please like our Facebook page Rotary District 7670. Julie West our PI chair is doing an amazing job of posting all the good stuff our district does including this very informative newsletter. Use #Rotary7670 on all social media posts.

Just an update on our mental health awareness committee that I have asked PDG Bill Biddle to chair. If you are interested in having a program done at your club or interested in serving on the committee please contact Bill at dgBill1718@gmail.com. We must make the communities aware of this ongoing problem.

We, the district, are here to help you become successful.
Have a great month...see you soon and let's Create Hope in the World

Sean

Who's Who in 7670

By Julie P. West on Tuesday, August 1, 2023



Sean Gibson

Rotary District 7670 Governor

Sean has been a member of Rotary International since 2002. He originally joined Rotary to network but became more involved in the organization over the years. Sean realized it is more about helping people. Sean was President of the Franklin Club in 2015 - 2016. After his presidency, Sean became more involved in District service and before becoming District Governor, he served as an assistant governor, which he fulfilled 3 years as AG. He has served as District 7670 Treasurer for three years. Sean is a Paul Harris Fellow +6 and truly believes in the great local work of Rotary, as well as Rotary International work.

In Sean's spare time, he likes to ride his bicycle, play golf, and play music in a band. He has two grown daughters; one that works for Children's Hospital in Boston with a graduate degree in psychology and the other daughter is studying to become a teacher at Western Carolina University. Sean's oldest daughter was Roderick club President at Wake Forest and believes in the great work of Rotary.

What is a Hashtag??

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, August 2, 2023



During this day and age of technology and social media, most people have heard the word "hashtag," but what is a hashtag, and why is it important to telling your Rotary story?

A hashtag is a word or keyword phrase preceded by a hash symbol (#). It's used within a post on social media to help those who may be interested in your topic to be able to find it when they search for a keyword or particular hashtag. It helps to draw attention to your posts and encourage interaction. Basically, it is a tool to increase your brand awareness.

In an article on the Small Business Blog, hashtags are not going anywhere no matter if you like them or not. Just a few statistics and fun facts about hashtags mentioned in the article include:

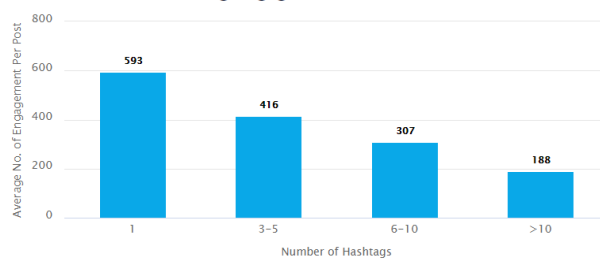
- The hashtag was actually called 'octothorpe' in the beginning
- Hashtags can increase your engagement by 100% on Twitter
- #followfriday has been used half a billion times
- The majority of [hashtags on Instagram](#) are branded hashtags
- Most people include hashtags in their captions, rather than in the [comment](#) section on Instagram
- A web marketing specialist called Chris Messina is the inventor of the hashtag.
- Biz Stone, who is the co-founder of Twitter, was fixing a technical issue around the social media network when Messina suggested that they use a hashtag.
- The first-ever hashtag that was used was #barcamp, which Messina sent on the 23rd of August 2007.
- The Oxford English Dictionary originally included the word 'hashtag' in 2014.

Hashtag Engagement on Twitter

for tweets with 1-2 hashtags



Hashtag Engagement on Facebook



As you can see, hashtags are an ideal tool as part of increasing your engagement on all social media platforms and getting the Rotary story out to the community near and far. Create one for your club that is short and tells who you are.

Did you know Rotary District 7670 has its own hashtag?? When you are posting your projects, events and stories on Social Media, add **#Rotary7670** to your post and **tag Rotary District 7670**, so the District can promote and support your club.

#Rotary7670

Rotary in the News

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, August 2, 2023

The Rotary Club of Marion made the news and in full page fashion! After a successful Red Sand project on Saturday, July 22, 2023, the McDowell News devoted a full page write up about the Rotary Club of Marion's event bringing awareness to human trafficking. Rotarians in District 7670 doing good in the world!



Cart Fund Update

By Tammy Mosteller on Saturday, August 26, 2023

There have been many changes to the CART Fund over the last few years. If you aren't currently signed up for the monthly newsletter, you can do so by going [HERE](#). [Read More](#)



Four Way Test

By Julie P. West on Sunday, October 2, 2022

The Four Way Test
Rotary



1. Is it **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Dr. Mallory McDuff Speaks at Rotary

By David J Scherping on Thursday, August 17, 2023

The Rotary Club of Tryon was very fortunate to have Mallory McDuff, Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Studies and Outdoor Leadership at Warren Wilson College, provide a very thought provoking presentation at last week's meeting.

Dr. McDuff spoke about sustainable practices around death and dying, the topic of her recent book ***Our Last Best Act***.



Pictured: Kieran Roe with Conserving Carolina, Mallory McDuff, Ph.D with Warren Wilson College, Warren Wilson Alumni Rotarian Kam Kammerer and Dr. Bibi Freer, and past president of Conserving Carolina Rebecca Barnes

Dr. McDuff was looking for an end of life plan that met three requirements: 1) it must be environmentally conscious, 2) it must be cost effective, 3) it must be something her family can agree to complete. McDuff explained to the Rotarians that what started as a personal journey to understanding the option for disposition of a body after death, expanded into a yearlong exploration of green burials, aquamation, conservation cemeteries, death doulas, home funerals, and human composting.

Joining her during the presentation was Conserving Carolina Executive Director Kieran Roe. Conserving Carolina is a proud supporter of Carolina Memorial Sanctuary, a conservation burial ground in Mills River, North Carolina. The sanctuary is an all-faiths burial ground, where people can be laid to rest, through green burial, burial of cremated remains, or scattering of ashes on land that is protected by a conservation easement through Conserving Carolina.

If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Tryon, please contact our President, Allan Purtill at revallanpurtill@gmail.com or 704-576-2463.

Rotary Club of Morganton Presents the 2023 Ohana Mud Run

By Greg Cairnes on Monday, August 14, 2023



Every August, just before the dreaded return to school and the proverbial end of summer for kids of all ages, the Rotary Club of Morganton partners with Alive Cubed to present the Ohana Mud Run. This year the event took place on Saturday, August 12, 2023. Held at the Bennick Compound, a private motocross facility outside of Morganton, NC, the Ohana Mud Run is the last hurrah for many families before the daily grind of the next school year drags them back toward autumn. Ohana, meaning "family" and "no one left behind", is a family / team obstacle run – in the mud, a LOT of mud – with 16 unique team-based obstacles including rope crawls, big mud hills, river tubing, huge sprinklers, inflatables, other team challenges and tons of fun! Included along the way is all the laughing, the joy and the lifelong memories created while rolling around in the mud. And to top it all off, all the proceeds are used to support local needs and the club mission to provide service to our community.

Funds from the 2022 Ohana Mud Run were distributed to the following local organizations:

UNC Health Blue Ridge's Family Center and Special Care Nursery to distribute infant sleep safety kits with infant swaddles to promote infant safe sleep practices specifically focusing on the reduction of Sudden Infant Death

Syndrome.

Burke County Public Schools Exceptional Children's Preschool Services to assist with the purchase of vision and hearing screening equipment to support the goal of conducting vision and hearing screenings for every preschool age student in the referral process to allow for early detection of disabilities needing special education services.

Grace Episcopal Church Backpack Ministry that provides backpacks to elementary school students facing food insecurity with 8 to 10 pounds of food bi-weekly to 140 students throughout the school year with a smaller amount of bags delivered through the summer months.

Catawba Science Center's Little Scientists program which delivers in-class, hands-on science activities to underserved pre-K children in 21 classrooms in Burke County. The program is focused on STEM subjects using several learning methodologies and are designed to inspire, enhance and engage underserved Burke County children and their families in science-based interests and learning endeavors.

YMCA of Catawba Valley summer camps to fund two field trips during the summer camp to the Greensboro Science Center and the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum including expenses for transportation and admission to the museums. Funds also support

the purchase of STEAM kits for the participating students.

Rotary Club of Morganton loves staging this event every year - not only does it help raise funds for the community and the club, it gives us a forum to hear and share many special and inspiring stories from our participants, to create lifelong memories and to bring people closer together. Ohana - Family - No one gets left behind!

Raffle for Arts and Craft show

By William B Kirkman on Sunday, August 20, 2023

At the upcoming 18th Annual Mountaintop Rotary's Arts and Craft show, there will be many beautiful pieces of artwork for all to see and purchase. One special painting has been generously donated by Cath Connolly Hudson as a raffle item where proceeds will be used to do good in the world. This painting is of a damask rose - the official flower of Maui and all proceeds of the raffle will be donated toward Maui relief efforts.

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Mountaintop 18th Annual Arts and Craft Show

By William B Kirkman on Monday, August 21, 2023



The 18th annual Mountaintop Rotary's Art and Craft Show will be held on August 26 and 27 at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park on Pine Street in Highlands from 10-5 daily. With over 100 Artists displaying the best in Fine Art and Crafts plus entertainment, food and Kid fun, this two-day event has transformed itself into a true art festival.

Come immerse yourself in our area's unique culture and heritage while shopping for items from an immensely talented array of artisans who will be displaying their work. The show features artisans from across the Southeast as well as a number of talented locals who always look forward to visiting with the hometown crowd.

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Catina Gray Visits Rotary

By David J Scherping on Saturday, August 19, 2023

Catina Gray, President of the Foothills Chamber of Commerce, visited the Rotary Club of Tryon last week to talk about their upcoming event - **Feed The Foothills**. Gray explained this will be the third year the Chamber holds the Feed the Foothills food drive in conjunction with the Harmon Field Music Festival. This year's event will be held at Harmon Field on Saturday September 23rd from 2-7 PM.



Pictured: Catina Gray, President of Foothills Chamber of Commerce and Rotarian Megan Conner, Manager at the Old Mill Market Square.



Feed the Foothills, Gray explained, was designed as a food drive to help people with food insecurity in our local communities.

This year, the food donated during the event will be distributed to:

- Roseland Community Center - Tryon
- Operation Hope Inc. - Landrum
- Pop Up Pantry of Saluda
- Steps to H.O.P.E. - Columbus
- Thermal Belt Outreach – Columbus

Rotarian Megan Conner, Manager of the Old Mill Market Square, joined Gray at the meeting. Old Mill Market Square will host the Foothills Chamber of Commerce August Business After Hours event on August 24th from 5:30-7:30 PM.

To learn more about the Foothills Chamber of Commerce, visit: <https://carolinafoothillschamber.com/>

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CANNED FOOD DRIVE EVENT

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CONCERT SAT, SEPT. 23, FROM 2-7PM
DONATIONS TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

Admission is \$5 in advance or \$10 at event
(Canned good donation appreciated!)

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CAROLINA FOOTHILLS
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Winterrowd Shares Experiences in Galapagos

By David J Scherping on Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Rotarian Stephanie Winterrowd entertained the Rotary Club of Tryon with stories from her time as a field Biologist in the Galapagos Islands. Stephanie was working on her master's degree in biology at Wake Forest University, when she spent nine months in the Galapagos Islands studying the Nazca Boobies.



Pictured: Rotarian Stephanie Winterrowd and Rotary Club of Tryon President Allan Purtill

Rotarians learned that working as a research biologist in the Galapagos Islands isn't a glamorous job. The temperatures are hot, the

work is tough, and the food and accommodations are very limited. Stephanie explained they couldn't have any food that contained seeds, to eliminate the possibility of introducing foreign plants to the island.

Her research focused on the unique feet of the Nazca Boobies, and it showed that the Nazca Boobies are one of only a few birds that incubate their eggs using their feet.

When asked how she went from studying birds in the Galapagos Islands to her current work at Edward Jones, Stephanie talked about the similarities in the jobs. The biology you learned in school was about plants and animals, but working as a research biologist is all about collecting and analyzing data. Now I help our customers manage their finances through careful analysis of financial data. The charts and graphs are about dollars instead of birds, but the careful analytical skills are the same.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

By Christena Southwick on Thursday, August 17, 2023

PROUD TO HAVE YOU!

The newest member to be inducted into the Rotary Club of Asheville is Dr. Danielle Kwasnik. She is from South Florida, and has spent her career in higher education. Her most recent job was with South College in Atlanta. She was transferred here in January, 2023 to become president of the Asheville campus. South College offers 25 certificates and degrees, primarily in business and health care. Her sponsor is Dave Kaverman. Thanks for joining us, Danielle.



Paul Harris Fellow

By H. Swofford on Saturday, July 22, 2023

Catawba Valley Rotary member Dr. David Peltzer was honored at last week's meeting,

Thursday, July 13th, as a six-time Paul Harris Fellow for his contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation funds projects locally, nationally, and internationally that improve the lives of people around the world, including such programs as Polio Plus that has nearly succeeded in eradicating polio. Those who have given \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows, an honor named after one of the key founders of Rotary. Many thanks to David for his contributions to Rotary.




Tricia Taber Joins Rotary

By David J Scherping on Sunday, July 9, 2023



During one of her last meetings as the Rotary Club of Tryon President, Carol Browning inducted Tricia Taber as a member of the Club.



Tricia is the Marketing Director for the City of Landrum and she joins a growing number of Club members from outside the Tryon area. The Rotary Club of Tryon has members from as far away as Rutherford and Henderson Counties. The new members are being drawn to the Club by the opportunities to provide "Service Above Self" in our local community and around the world.

If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Tryon, please contact our new President, Allan Purtill at revallanpurtill@gmail.com or 704-576-2463.
